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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. GILLMOR].

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
November 30, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable PAUL E. GILLMOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Your word, O God, commends us to seek justice and mercy and in this our petition we ask that our words will be translated into actions that promote justice and the blessed gifts of mercy. Increase our understanding how we may be good stewards of righteousness so that all people are treated fairly and enjoy the liberties and freedoms that we cherish. May we use our abilities and resources so we are good custodians of the riches of the land so that in all things, we are faithful to Your word and walk in Your way. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. KNOLLENBERG]

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2519. An act to facilitate contributions to charitable organizations by codifying certain exemptions from the Federal securities laws, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 2525. An act to modify the operation of the antitrust laws, and of State laws similar to the antitrust laws, with respect to charitable gift annuities.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2539. An act to abolish the Interstate Commerce Commission, to amend subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, to reform economic regulation of transportation, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1341. An act to provide for the transfer of certain lands to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the city of Scottsdale, Arizona, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 956) "An Act to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, and for other purposes", disagreed to by the House and agrees to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and

appoints Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. GORTON, Mr. LOTT, Mr. STEVENS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INUYE, Mr. FORD, Mr. EXON, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

### LEAD, FOLLOW, OR GET OUT OF THE WAY

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, Americans are asking Congress and the President to balance the budget. Allow me to share excerpts of a letter to the President sent to me by one of my constituents, Carol Ault, of Ellicott City, MD.

The Democrats have spent 40 years getting this country in the financial mess it is in. The Republicans have started cleaning up the mess. And one of the first steps is to produce a balanced budget as soon as possible.

And Mr. President, your statement on TV recently that your job is to "take care of the American people" is totally wrong. We do not want you and the U.S. government to take care of us. We want you to leave us alone to pursue our own economic interests. You do not know what is best for us. We know what is best for us. You do not know how best to spend our tax money. We know best how to spend our tax money.

I am not sure if the following statement originated with Iococca, but I heard him say it: "Either lead, follow, or get out of the way."

Sir, you are not leading.

### IS IT ANY WONDER THAT SPEAKER GINGRICH REFUSES TO ACT PROMPTLY ON MEANINGFUL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM?

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, new revelations about the intrigues at

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